

# The Romulus News

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## Plank Honored By City

Many things could be written about Robert D. Plank, but the words of Mayor McAnally and Senator Faust (as read by Councilman Barry Baumann), in their speeches at the dedication of the Robert D. Plank Department of Public Works building, probably said it best.

### Mayor Beverly McAnally

When last we met, only a few short weeks ago, it was in sorrow and sadness as we said farewell to our friend and loved one Bob Plank.

We wondered how things could possibly go on without his help. It seemed unreasonable that the sun came up and that life around us went on as though nothing had happened while we felt such a great loss.

But it is in the very act of continuing that we remember Bob best; the things he said, the lessons he taught, the advice he shared, the strength he gave, until we come to a final realization that when all else is gone, these are the things that are truly immortal.

An everlasting tribute to any man or woman's life is that we are remembered with honor by those who follow. That the words we have spoken are recalled with respect repeated and attributed in



our name. Our good name is truly our most treasured possession. The very ritual of names and naming is scriptural in origin and enduring in practice. Living up to the standard set and carried

by the family name is traditional goal of all those who value and take pride in their heritage.

Assigning a name to a person or thing gives it stature and importance.

So, today it is with pride and appreciation that we gather to evoke the name of Bob Plank and to assign his name to an enduring structure that embodies the best tradition of the Plank name, that of public service.

We dedicate today, this building and its activity to the memory of Bob and to the Plank family as a high standard of achievement and honor. From this day forward, this building shall be known as the Robert D. Plank Department of Public Works building.

### Senator Faust (as read by Councilman Barry Baumann)

A concurrent resolution offered as a memorial for Robert D. Plank.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of this state, would like to express our sincerest sympathies to the family and many friends of Mr. Robert D. Plank, whose recent passing has left all who knew him deeply saddened and stirred with the memories of the many contributions he made as a concerned citizen. Gone from our midst is a distinguished gentleman who exhibited a

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## Is It 80 And Out Because of Taxes?

Work hard all your life, pay your bills, help everyone you can help, asking nothing in return. Pay your house payments and utilities, hoping that you'll live long enough to retire with your home paid for so you can live a fulfilling life on your Social Security and whatever little you have saved.

Try to raise your kids, their kids, and their kids' kids, hoping you will do a good job and be rewarded somewhere beyond this life.

This is the story of an elderly lady here in Romulus — her name is Mrs. Reddick. I first came to notice her and hear her problems at a City Council meeting last week.

The City is about to take her home for unpaid taxes. Mrs. Reddick, who is 80 years old, has, up to now, been too proud to go to get any kind of aid for herself and her bedridden husband. A young lady was with her at the Council meeting to relay what was being said to Mrs. Reddick, who says she is "a little

hard of hearin'."

Mrs. Reddick and her husband moved into their home on Hunt Street in 1959 and still live there today. The home is well kept and worth much more than the \$5,800 she owes in unpaid taxes. The Council members and the Mayor do not want to take this lady's home, but because of County and State laws they will be forced to take the property by September 1 if the back taxes aren't paid. Councilman Bergeron suggested a delay in action until September 1 to give Mrs. Reddick an opportunity to try to raise the money, and Council agreed.

Someone on the Council asked Mayor McAnally what should be done and she replied, "I know what I would do on a personal basis, but being the Mayor, in public office, I know what I have to do by law". No one on the Council wants to see the Reddicks lose their home.

John Lewkowicz has been to the home to see what can be done. Linda

Choate has been there. The Mayor has had numerous contacts by phone and in her office with Mrs. Reddick. All of them have been trying to find a solution to her problem. None have succeeded yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Reddick raised two grandchildren and one of them lives with them today. Mrs. Reddick worked at Ford Motor Company for 31 years and retired in 1973. Mr. Reddick worked for the Hertz Company, in the garage. Sometime around 1983 she had a stroke but is still able to get around a little. Mr. Reddick had a stroke 3 years ago and is bedridden at the age of 78.

According to Mrs. Reddick she has applied for a loan at a local bank to pay the back taxes. It is very unlikely she will get it! It is quite likely that she will lose her home. In a statement to this paper she said, "If they take my home I don't know what we'll do. I aint got no place to go".

"The Mayor, John Lewkowicz and Linda Choate have all been real nice. They've tried to help me, I can't say they haven't".

Mrs. Reddick tried to get the Council to accept payments of \$700. per month until she got a loan she applied for but that would deprive her of money to live on. Her husband only receives \$171.00 per month. I asked her if she paid \$700. each month to the city how much would that leave her to live on. Her remark was, "You do the best with what you have to do with". She was very hesitant to tell me how much she would have left over after payments like that. It is not very hard to figure out that she would have next to nothing. She is very independent, and a hard worker. "I never ever asked Social Service for any help with my grandchildren".

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by Beverly McAnally  
Mayor of Romulus

Much like a new neighbor on the block, a new business in town generates excitement, curiosity and interest.

A new paper in town is all of that and more. It creates a new dimension for the daily goings on in a town, especially when its located "in Town" and promises to report on the happenings that might escape the notice of a bigger publication.

# FROM THE MAYOR

As a former reporter I know and respect the power of the printed word and welcome an opportunity to communicate with all the residents of Romulus.

For now, congratulations to "The Romulus News". In the future I will plan to use this space to present my perspective on issues of importance to our community.

My thanks to the publishers and good luck on your venture.

## EDITORIAL Why We Are Here

by Dave Atkins, Editor.

I was asked by a council member about four years ago to start a Romulus Newspaper. At that time I was not interested because of a publication we were putting out then called "Country in the City News".

Since the decline of Country Music and the lack of coverage of Romulus news by other publications, we decided to start The Romulus News.

None of us here at the paper are so deceived as to think we will not make mistakes, and in some cases step on a few toes here and there. Hopefully, the mistakes will be overcome quickly and in some cases, but not always, there will be apologies for stepping on toes.

Actually, what we here at the paper are trying to develop is a community minded newspaper which is something we have never had. We want you to get involved in it as Romulus citizens.

I was once told, by an editor of a local paper, that I was not a reporter. He was absolutely correct in that statement. I am not a reporter, I am a writer.

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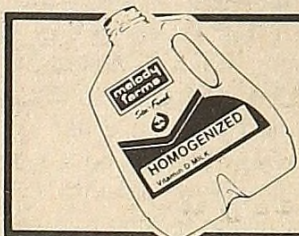
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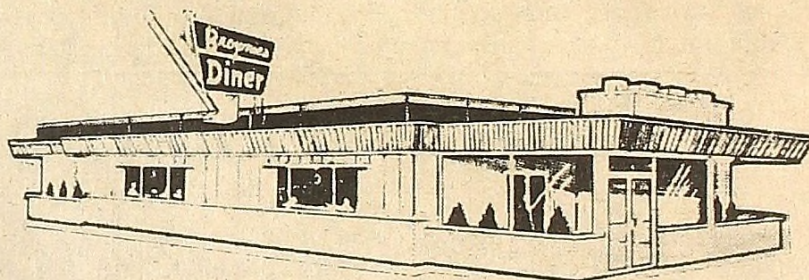
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# Meadows Sub Residents Are Hot About Burning Tree

The temperature in Romulus was near 90° at 7:20 p.m. July, 6th and the City Council chambers became even hotter with the outpouring of residents from the Meadows sub-division at Middlebelt and Eureka.

We counted 29 people in attendance for the meeting and just about all of them were screaming mad about speeders in their sub. One man was so angry he stormed out of the meeting screaming at the top of his lungs.

It seems there has been an invasion of speeders plowing through the sub at speeds estimated between 25 to 70 miles per hour and the residents are hot. Not only in cars but also on motorcycles and some stopping their cars and going through poses of indecent exposure in the middle of the streets.

A Mr. Marikowski was irritated about stop signs being torn down and not replaced. Mr. Rosiowski, another resident, complained of the tire marks from speeders and a lack of police protection. He also stated there had not been a stop sign at Burning Tree and Hermosa for over two years.

Robert Calvin alleged that it seemed to be mostly the same offenders ranging in ages of 18 and under. Mr. Calvin suggested speed bumps for the streets but was told they are illegal on public thoroughfares.

Gregory Johnson told a hair-raising story of an 18 year old on a motorcycle trying to make a curve in front of his home approximately 70 miles per hour and didn't make it. Today, he (the 18 year old) is paralyzed from the waist down and will be that way for the rest of his life.

Dennis Robbins stated he had lived in Romulus for 5 years, has been broken into 3 times and one of those times they set his house on fire. He also said it took the Romulus Police Department 45 minutes to respond. He said to the Council, "We're tired of punks messing around. You take care of it or we will".

James Grubel said that in the last 5 days patrols had increased. He also stated that according to 1986 State Police statistics, crime in Romulus had raised 26 percent and the arrest rate was 2 in 12 calls.

During all the screaming and yelling, Mayor McAnally said that "If we had 1,000 police officers we could not be at every crime call instantly". She also informed the residents attending the meeting that we have a young police department obtaining experience, and that "She" would have no part in lowering the city's hiring standard. McAnally said that when you lower the standard, just to have more

arms and legs on the department, you stand a great chance of getting gun happy policemen on the force.

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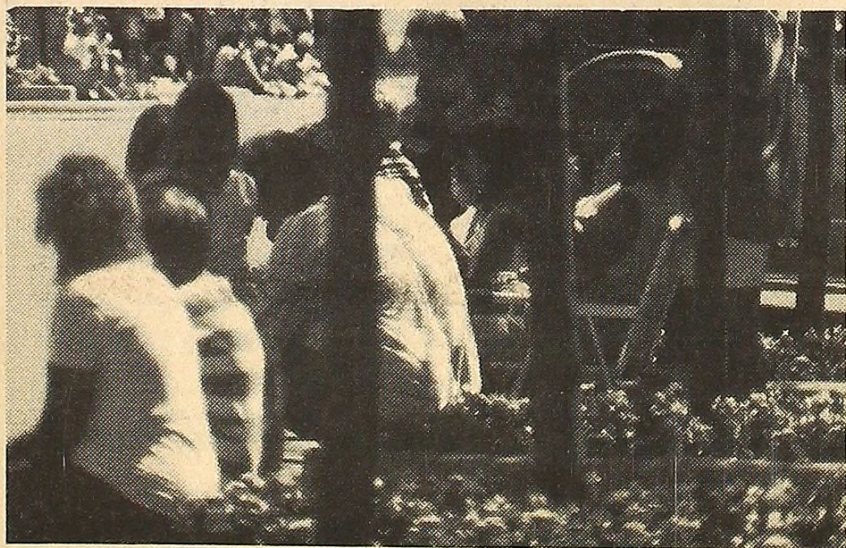
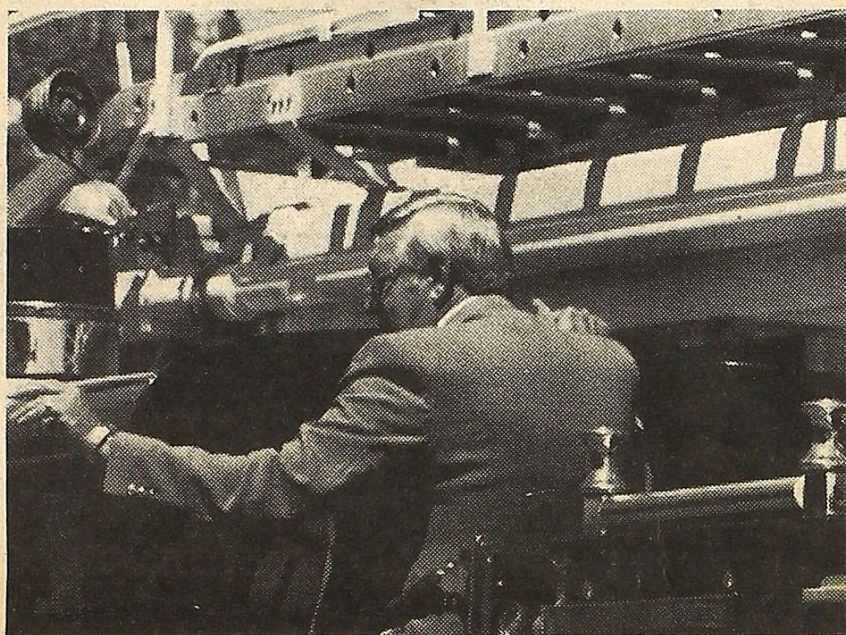
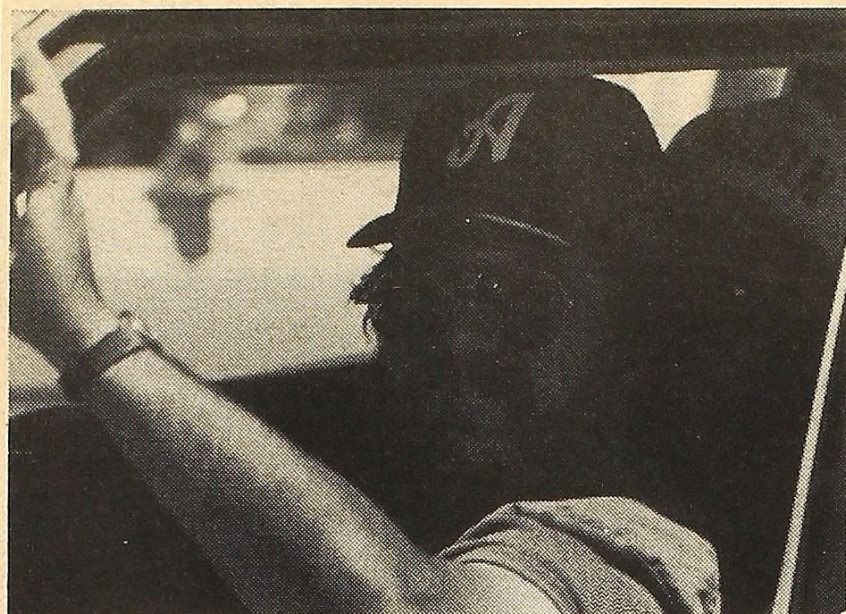
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# Wayne County Coon Hunters Pitch Horse Shoes In Romulus

by Mary E. Clark



"Well, it looked good from back there, darn it"



From left to right: Evelyn Fletcher, Penny Bolen, Tandy Bolen, Mardy Bolen, Shirley Smith; this years cooks for the Raccoon Hunters Annual 4th of July Dinner. The food was good, hot, and plentiful!



"It looked good to me".

The Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Association held its annual Fourth of July Dinner and Horseshoe Pitching Contest. The food, prepared and served by the wives and daughters of some of the Club members, was delicious. The ladies serving were Mardy Bolen, Penny Bolen, Tandy Bolen, Evelyn Fletcher, and Shirley Smith. Everyone enjoyed ample servings of meats, vegetables, salads and desserts. The dessert table had so many different offerings that it was really difficult to choose between them.

The Horseshoe Pitching Competition, based on a two-game elimination, began in the afternoon. There were six two-man teams: Brian Polly and Joe

"We're watching you"!



"Well, we 'almost' won".

Hill; Wayne Fletcher and Gary Rinehart; Rodney Burke and Charles Blevins; Ed Jones and James Fletcher; Shelby Hill and Jack Smith; and Jerry Fletcher and Brad Rinehart.

The final 3 games were between the unbeaten teams of Jack Smith/Shelby Hill and Rodney Burke/Charles Blevins. This pitted brother against brother (Jack and Charles are the brothers). Burke and Blevins won the first game, but Smith and Hill won the next two and were awarded the trophy.

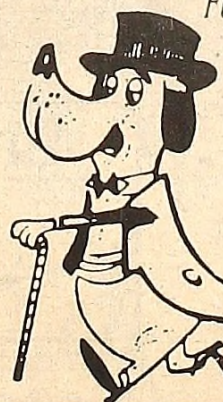
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## Burning Tree Is Smokin'

Councilman Baumann took it upon himself to survey the area of complaint and found that only two of every six vehicles stopped at a particular stop sign and it was mostly adults, not teenagers.

In a telephone interview with Ethel Smith, a resident of Meadows, she stated that "If you train and talk to your kids we wouldn't have the trouble. You can't blame it all on the police". She also said she was not going to talk bad about the police, because "When I have called them, they are here". She went further to say that she had noticed "Quite a few don't go to church, so how are they going to show love and respect for you or your property?"

I drove to the Meadows to see for myself what was going on. Yes, there was a speed sign down at LeRoy and Middlebelt. It had been driven over by a car. And yes, two streets that had three way stop signs at one time now only had two. Yes, the curve sign on Burning Tree had been taken up and was completely gone.

The residents that we talked to all seemed to say exactly the same thing, "Put up a stop sign, in two weeks its gone". That leaves this reporter to wonder! If the city does replace the stop signs, why are the kids tearing them down? Remember the Channel 2 slogan of a few years ago? "It's 11 o'clock, do you know where your children are?"

I had a meeting with Lt. Kraus and assistant chief of police Rukkila Friday July, 10 and asked them why police response was so slow.

*"We're tired of punks messin' around --- You take care of it or we will".*

I think that people should try to understand the department must place priorities on all calls. Example: a call comes in at 10:15 p.m., robbery in progress; 10:18 call, man down, not breathing; 10:22 car accident with injury; 10:24, speeder in car on Burning Tree. According to Lt. Kraus, which call do you feel would get top priority? The speeder? Absolutely not! Of course it isn't always that type of situation. You could have all the cars at the opposite end of Romulus which means you still

have to go around the airport and that in itself is 10-15 minutes. Assistant chief Rukkila stated that since the last Council meeting, the Romulus Police Department has issued approximately 30 traffic tickets and picked up over a half dozen curfew violators. He said, "We are trying to beef up the patrols in that area".

*There have been 30 tickets given out and a half dozen curfew violation citations.*

He also cited where people would call the police on a wild party, fight, or any number of things, but when the caller found out they had to sign a complaint the answer was "Forget it. I don't want to get involved".

Rukkila and Kraus both said people are afraid to sign complaints because of possible retaliation. When Lt. Kraus was asked what happens if you do sign a complaint, his remark was, "All we can do is our job, get them to court. After that it is up to the court". He went on further to explain that in all his years with the State Police, he has never known of any sort of assault attempt on anyone who had filed a complaint with the exception of relatives!

Assistant Chief Rukkila said that we have a curfew law in Romulus that he intends to enforce. If you are under the age of 18 you must be off the street by 11:00 p.m. and stay off until 5:00 a.m. There is also a law on the books that if you can't control your minor child then there is a very good possibility you could receive up to a \$500. fine and or 90 days in jail. His suggestion was that maybe you had better start taking care that you know what your teenagers are doing or it is possible for you to go to jail.

There will be a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at Halecreek School at 7 p.m. July 16th. It has been suggested that Sheriff Ficano will be in attendance along with other police department heads outside of Romulus.

Neighborhood watch programs do work - that has been proven; however, you can not slack off on it or you have the same old problems all over again.

After research we have done in other areas of the city, it is generally agreed that Romulus has a good Police Department and response in most cases has been excellent.

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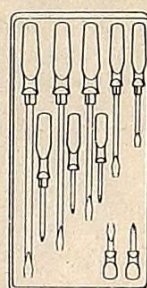
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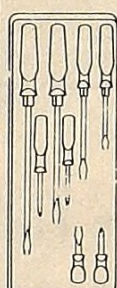
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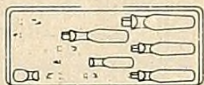
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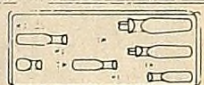
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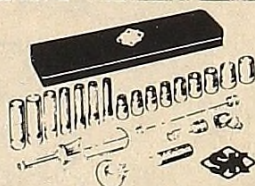
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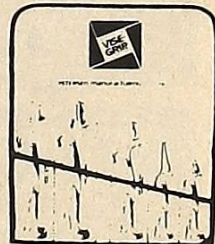
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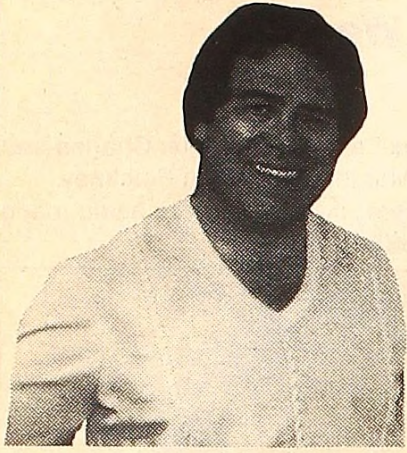
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## The Doctor



by J. H. Barden, D.O.

Accidents are the leading cause of death and injury of children in the United States over age one. They cause 42% of deaths in the 1-4 age group, 50% in the 5-14 group, and 53% in the 15-24 group. The bulk of these fatal accidents consists of house fires, auto accidents, pedestrian-related accidents, drowning, falls and poisonings.

Some children are at greater risk of an accident. This group of accident-prone children includes: children exhibiting aggressive, rough, nervous behavior; children from large families; and males. Also, there is a greater incidence of accidents in poorer families.

Certain age groups have special risks. All newborn children should be contained in automobile restraints. Children should use an infant seat until they weigh 40 lbs., then regular seat belts should be used. Eight hundred children a year lose their lives in auto accidents and thousands more are injured.

Baby cribs and beds should be approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Also, the water temperature of the hot water heater should be set to 125°F or less.

At two months most children can

roll. Parents must be careful that children don't roll off a counter top or bed.

At four months children can reach for or grab an item. Sharp, breakable items should be kept out of reach, as well as small, swallowable items and poisonous substances.

At six months most children can creep, crawl, pull themselves up on furniture and grab dangerous items. The home should be child-proofed. Sharp, small, breakable and poisonous substances must be kept out of reach.

At nine months poisoning becomes more significant. There are 850,000 incidences of accidental poisoning a year in children under five years of age. The typical victim is a two- to three-year-old boy from a lower socioeconomic family under stress. Most poisonings occur in the kitchen, with the bathroom a close second. The regional Poison Control Center phone number is 745-5711. Parents should write it down near the phone and keep Syrup of Ipecac on hand. If a poisoning occurs, parents should call the Poison Control Center before doing anything else.

Fire and drownings account for 1,500 deaths each year. Matches and lighters should be kept from children. Children should be taught to swim at an early age. Most children can learn to swim before they can learn to walk.

Young school-age children should be taught street-crossing safety and not to play near traffic. Playgrounds should be inspected before children are allowed to play on them.

Seatbelt usage, traffic safety, bicycle safety, and swimming skills should be taught to pre-teenagers. Many of the accidents of teenagers are related to

drug and alcohol use.

In review:

- Children should be required to use car restraints.
- Children should use only approved CPSC cribs and beds.
- Water heater temperatures should be set at 125°F or less.
- Children should be watched so they don't fall off a surface and injure themselves.
- All small, sharp, breakable or poisonous items should be kept out of the reach of children.
- Write down, near the phone, the number of the Poison Control Center (1-745-5711).
- Keep Syrup of Ipecac on hand in case of poisoning.
- If a poisoning occurs, do nothing until the Poison Control Center is contacted at 1-745-5711.
- Children should not be allowed to use walkers.
- Car seats and seat belts should be used by all children.
- Matches and lighters should be kept from children and even excluded from the house.
- Children should be taught to swim at an early age.
- Children should be taught traffic safety and playgrounds should be inspected.
- Drug and alcohol use should be discussed with pre-teenage children — this should include a visit to school counselors.

Accidents are the primary cause of death and injury in young people under 25. Most of these are avoidable.

The source of this information is a well-written article by Dr. James P. Cardosis of Virginia.

If you have any questions, please feel free to write or phone me.

Phone: 699-0000

## Reward For Lost Dog

A reward is offered by the owner of a female Chichuaua that has been lost, in the Romulus area, since May 23rd. It was reported seen on Wabash but no information has since been received. The owner has hunted all this time for her pet. If you own and love a dog you can certainly sympathize with her.

If you have any information, or know where the dog is, please call the Romulus dog pound - 941-0666, Ext. 244/5 and leave your name and phone number. The reward could be yours.



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## Applications Now Being Taken For Montessori Preschool

Romulus Montessori Preschool (RMP), located in Barth Elementary School, is accepting applications for Fall enrollment of children ages 2½ to 5 years. The school is located on Barth Road in Romulus, easily accessible via I-275 and Eureka Road.

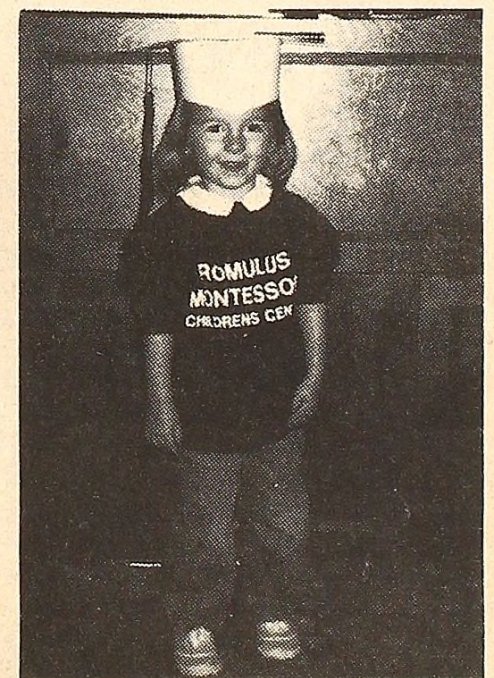
R.M.P. classes are held Mon.-Thurs., from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3:00 p.m., beginning in September.

The Montessori curriculum includes exploration of the world and development of coordination and the ability to concentrate. This occurs in an atmosphere which nurtures self-discipline, personal motivation, learning through doing, and a consideration for others.

The children experience large-group, small-group, and individual lessons, whereby they may relate to others on various levels.

The classroom contains numerous learning areas where the children can follow their interests with individual direction and encouragement from the teachers. These learning areas include art, geography, language, math, movement, music, practical life, science and sensorial activities. The habits and skills that a child develops in a Montessori classroom are good for a lifetime.

For more information on Fall registration, call 941-0450.



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## Those Quacks Can't Do Anything For Me!!

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

"As best as I could, I asked him how he came to become deaf. He said that, about 17 years before, he stooped over to pick up a heavy object and 'racked' something in his neck. Since that time he was unable to hear the traffic in the street. I felt his neck and noticed a 'bump.' I reasoned that, if the bump produced the deafness, then by reducing the bump it would possibly remove the deafness. He lay down on a bench and I pushed the bump back in. After that he could hear again."

Over 91 years ago, in a second-story office in Davenport, Iowa, Daniel Palmer brought into this world a new science by adjusting a man named Harvey Lillard, a man deaf for 17 years. This science came to be known as Chiropractic, from the Greek words meaning 'done by hand only.' Since that time Chiropractic has come to be the largest *drug-less* healing science in the world. With Doctors of Chiropractic numbering in the tens of thousands, Chiropractic has brought relief to millions of people that had previously resigned themselves to 'living with' their problem.

Since this is the first issue, I thought we would start from the beginning, at least our beginning, of getting into the Chiropractic story.

Many years ago my father, Dr. Ray Elwart, had a sales job that saw him traveling around Michigan. His job required him to call on executives at many of the auto firms. The problem was that he had trouble staying awake. Many times, on a trip to a prospective client, he would have to take an alarm clock so that, when he became sleepy, he could stop on the side of the road and get a little rest. Sometimes he wouldn't hear the alarm, and would sleep through his appointment. Dad could fall asleep very easily. I remember once, when I was a small boy, he was standing in a doorway in our home, talking to my mom. The next thing I knew he was sleeping, standing up! This happened on many occasions and was a very embarrassing problem.

Visits to various MDs, then the University of Michigan, with tests and more tests, only resulted in being told, "It's all in your head . . . you'll just have to learn to live with it." Imagine! That hurt my dad; he always was a good provider for us, but this sleeping-sickness thing was destroying his ability to do a good job.

One of my aunts had been going to a lady Chiropractor in Wayne, and had urged Dad to see her. "Those quacks! They can't do anything for me!" Little did he know that something was going to happen that was going to change his life and ours. One day, after one of his sales trips, he was coming home. As

usual, he started to get tired. He remembers that a funny-looking car was behind him; the next thing he knew, he was awake and the funny car was ahead of him. Dad said he tried everything to stay awake, but nothing seemed to help. As he continued driving home he fell asleep again, only to awaken and find himself with his head resting on the car's window ledge and mailboxes whizzing by. When he got home that day he said to Mom, "What's the name of that Choir-praktor?"

Well, after getting adjustments from this lady Chiropractor for a while, his sleeping problem cleared up completely. While sitting in the Chiropractor's reception room a seed was planted that would one day bring forth much fruit.

In the next issue you'll find out how Dad became a Chiropractor. Why am I telling this story? Because it needs to be told — we want you to know how we became involved in Chiropractic, and why we feel the way we do about it.

## Old Fashioned Revival

There was an old fashioned tent revival in Romulus during the month of June at the curve of Goddard and Hunt Street.

The Rev. Howell Kelly, Pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Romulus, said there was a good time for all who attended. There was a Bible School class daily, from 10 a.m. to noon, under the direction of Richard Bachman.

There were several groups who sang and caused a great reaction of foot tapping and hand clapping to their music. Appearing at the revival were: Glen Dryden and the Joyful Noise, The Brightonaires, and Ken Donnan and Family from Scotland.

Another revival is slated for September. For further information contact Rev. Kelly at 941-6554.



## Shannon and Elizabeth Set Date to Wed

Myron and Patricia Rhodes of Lisa Drive in Romulus have announced the engagement of their son, Shannon L. Rhodes, to Elizabeth C. Marshall. Ms.

Marshall and her parents, Charles and Joan Marshall, reside in Pinckney. The wedding plans are being made for February 6th.



### ENGAGEMENT / WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, The Romulus News will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Groom's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Bride's Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Engagement \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

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Time \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.



# ACCENT ON ROMULUS

## Landing Strip Lounge Gets Major Renovation

The Landing Strip in Downtown Romulus is going through a major overhaul.

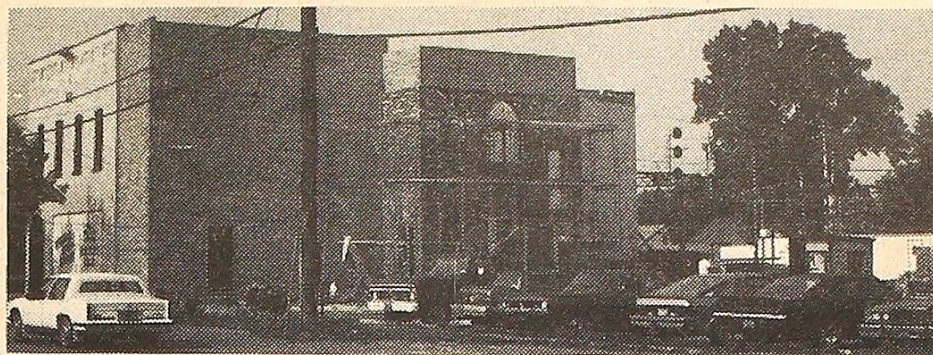
According to Tom Nappo, the owner of the Landing Strip, when it is finished it will be something no one in Michigan has ever seen unless they have been to Las Vegas. The bar itself will be relocated to the upstairs part of the building with access by stairway and elevator.

The booths will be designed in the

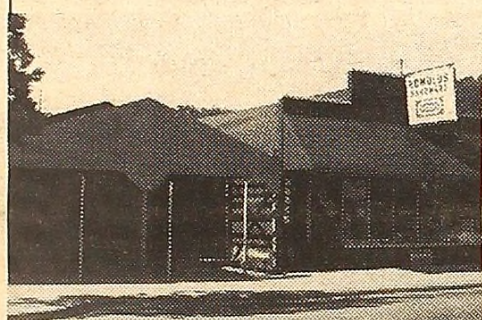
shape of horse shoes, there will be a V.I.P. lounge, and a stage and light show featuring shooting stars, laser lights and fogging equipment. A firm from Dallas Texas has been hired to install the lighting effects.

Nappo traveled to Vegas and Dallas to see several clubs and came back to Romulus to incorporate all their ideas into one.

The work is scheduled to be completed sometime in September.



## Romulus Hardware Adds New Patio



Shown above is the front of the Romulus Hardware store with a new patio addition being built for spring and summer flowers, bedding and lawn equipment sales.

Thank you Tony Kopas for your newest contribution to the improvement of Downtown Romulus.

## Another Year Older



Patricia Smith celebrated her birthday July 5. Unlike some of Patti's parties — hayrides, barbecues and canoe parties — this birthday party was very private. Her parents and Dr. Bruce Terrio were the only guests.

Patti graduated from Romulus High School, attended Michigan State and Wayne State universities, and is now employed by the University of Michigan in Medical Research.

## Arts Council Looking

The Romulus Arts Council is looking for artists and craftmakers to participate in their annual Arts & Crafts fair to be held September 12 on the grassy area around the Romulus Library. Space rental is \$10. Applications may be obtained by calling Gloria Chandler, 941-2678.

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## Library News

The Romulus Public Library schedule for July features a summer reading program. The children may come in and select the books they want to take home to read. Movies are also shown. The movies shown on Friday, July 10, were *Never Cry Wolf* and *The Brown Wolf*. Story time in July is Tuesday evening at 7 and Thursday morning at 10:30.

The Library is open Monday-Tuesday, 12 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 12 to 5 p.m. It is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

For fun times and learning, take your children to the Library.

## New Arrival "It's A Boy"

A new eight pound fifteen ounce baby boy has arrived at the Kurt and Nina Johnston residence.

His name is Jordan James Johnston. Master Johnston was born on July 2nd and made several lives much richer than they were on July 1st.

Jordan's grandparents are Lorne and Beatrice Johnston, owners of Johnston Smith Graphics in Romulus, and Jim and Wanda Barnes of Grove, Oklahoma.

Kurt and Nina Johnston, the baby's mom and dad, are living in Springfield, Missouri while Kurt attends college, majoring in Communications.

Uncles Keith and Kevin Johnston are very proud of their new nephew and can't wait for Master Jordan James Johnston to arrive in Romulus.



### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, The Romulus News will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents \_\_\_\_\_

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Paternal Grandparents \_\_\_\_\_

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# Southwest Air Flys Into Town

Detroit Metropolitan Airport's L.C. Smith Terminal was bustling with fun and activity as Southwest Airlines began 12 nonstop flights daily to Chicago's downtown Midway Airport.

In honor of the arrival of Southwest to Detroit, the Airline's chairman, Herb Kelleher, was given an 'oath of office' by Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. It consisted of 'Ten Commitments' to the new half-million Michigan travelers Southwest will serve.

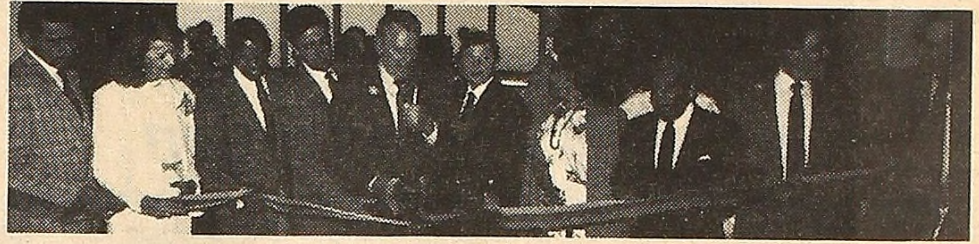
"These new customers will soon find out why Southwest has been ranked #1 for customer satisfaction seven years in a row," said Kelleher.

One of Southwest's commitments is to have FUN; passengers from the

first flight had the chance to do just that. They played Southwest's 'Great Plane Lottery.' Three people were the lucky winners of fun-packed vacation trips to Chicago for a \$1,000 shopping spree, New Mexico for hot-air ballooning and white-water rafting, and Nashville to cut his or her own record and visit the Grand Ole Opry. All winners enjoyed deluxe accommodations.

Kelleher made his 'Ten Commitments' and presided over a ribbon-cutting ceremony, which followed a Texas-style breakfast and foot-stompin' country music by the 'Lazy Ranch Boys.'

The Southwest Airlines-Detroit Metro Airport celebration was held at Gates 6A and 7A, L.C. Smith Terminal.



Ribbon cutting to open new Airline at Metro



Casey Clark and the Lazy Ranch Boys

## Local C.B. Club Helps the Needy

by Dave Atkins

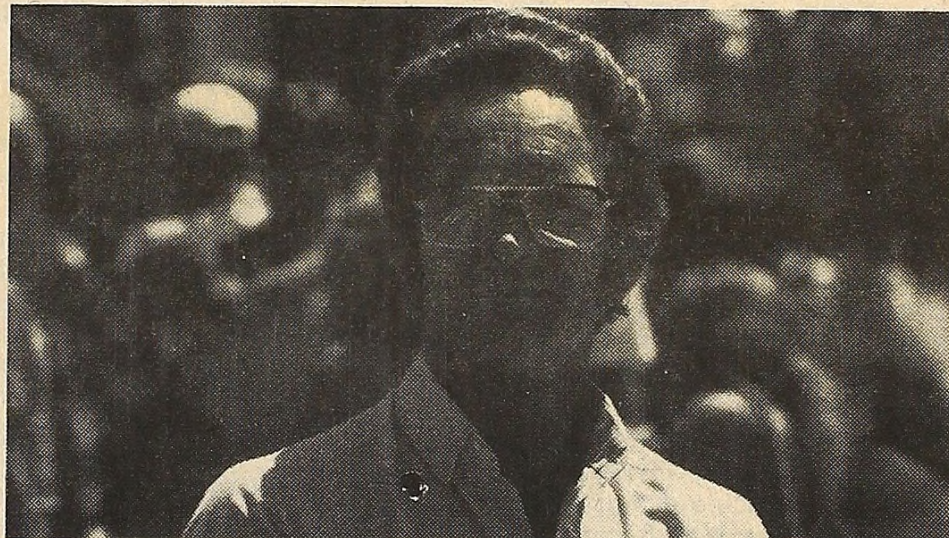
There is a local citizens band club in Romulus that is very dedicated to helping the less fortunate and needy people of the community. The club of which I speak is called the 'Kwik Helpers C.B. Club'.

The club is headed by Jim Shelton, owner of J.T. Auto at Goddard and Hunt. The club has been determined to help the less fortunate and needy of this community since it's conception.

They hold special fund raising events such as bingo, coffee breaks, dances and just about anything else to raise money or contributions. "Not a dime is wasted", said secretary Shelia Shelton, Jim's wife. "We accept donations of hospital equipment, furniture, clothing and things like that so we can help the people who really need it", said Shelton.

You do not have to be a member to receive food orders, clothing or items from their 'Loan Closet' which consists

of crutches, walkers, canes, hospital beds, wheel chairs and many other items.



Jim Shelton - President of Kwik Helpers C.B. Club

The Kwik Helpers C.B. Club also supports the Penricton School for the Blind.

City Councilman, Ellis (Catfish, his C.B. name) Pennington, is also a member of the club and works very hard in his spare time helping out.

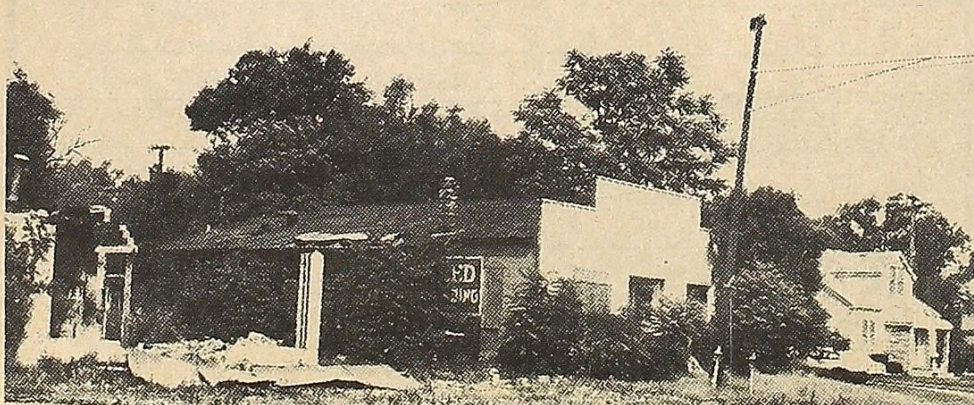
Underprivileged children every year are treated to Easter egg hunts, Thanksgiving baskets and a Christmas party which includes a basket, gifts and Santa.

The only requirement to belong to this unique club is that you must be a humanitarian person and be willing to invest a lot of your spare time helping others.

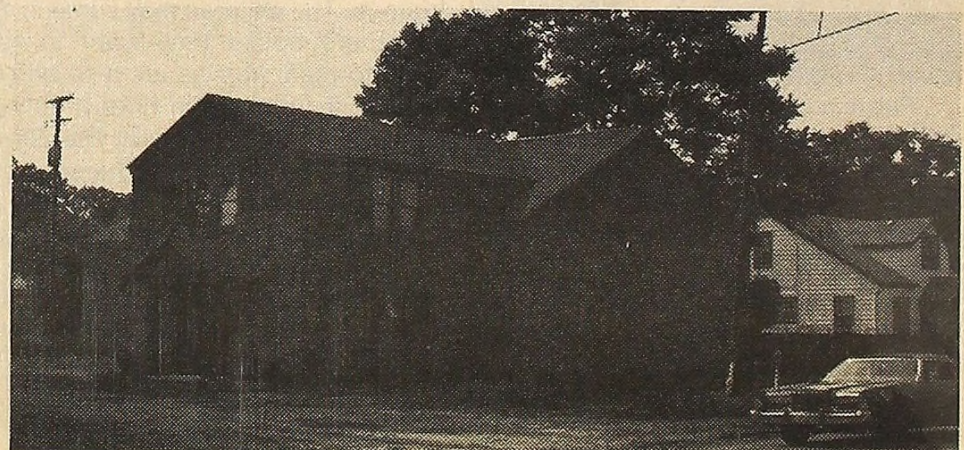
If you have items you would like to donate to a very worthy cause, contact Jim Shelton at 941-3292.

## Once Thriving Feed Mill Then and Now

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## New Owners at the Bargain Store

The Bargain Store, located at Goddard and Sterling has new owners. Jim and Clara purchased the store from Denny Duty the latter part of June and are now doing business on a daily basis. Jim and Clara are not new to the used furniture and appliance business. They owned six stores at one time on Detroit's east side.

When they moved into the Romulus store they also rented the old barber shop and knocked out a doorway to expand the store.

They refuse to handle 'junk' as Jim puts it, and they don't sell anything that does not work. Frankly it looks like a totally different place, clean and good looking merchandise.

Welcome to Romulus, Jim and Clara.



## News from the Romulus Historical Society

by Pearl Varner, Romulus Historical Society President

The Romulus Historical Society was organized in 1979 for the purpose of promoting historical preservation and creating an interest in the history of Romulus and its people. Each year, during Michigan Week, the Society has sponsored an historical program dealing with the history of Romulus. Many times a local historical site was recognized. The Society has participated in parades, arts & crafts fairs, Romulus Festival activities, Romulus Sesquicentennial, Michigan Sesquicentennial, Artrain, and much more. Our group is very active and enjoys being so.

The membership was small to begin with, but has grown to include over 50 individuals and businesses. The Society is still looking for interested individuals who desire to join the group. Yearly membership dues are as follows: Students \$1, Active \$5, Associate \$7, Supporting \$20.

To date, the Society has collected many artifacts and documents pertaining to the history of Romulus. Some special items that are presently needed are old photos of Romulus' one-room schoolhouses and also old books, slates, and other items that might have been used in a one-room schoolhouse.

Please call 697-9628 or 941-2678 if you have any of the above items to donate to the Society.

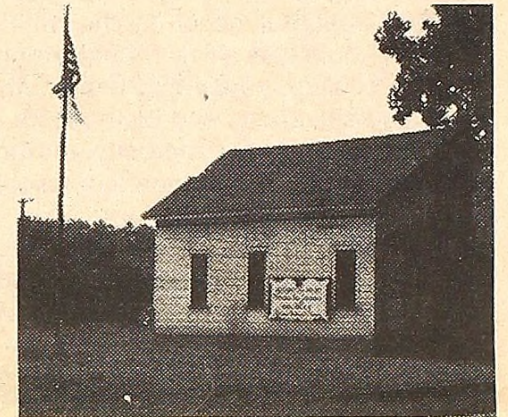
Our most recent project is the renovation/restoration of the 1839 schoolhouse into a local museum. The building was used first as a school but later as a house, so much work has to be done to return it to the schoolhouse it once was. The Historical Commission and the Romulus Historical Society are working jointly on this exciting and challenging project. It will take several years to complete because of the research involved and the need for money to complete the project. Most of the funds for this project are from private donations to the Society. The most recent donation was from St. Lawrence Servo, Inc. (for \$3,000), and was much needed and appreciated.

The Society accepts any donation, either small or large. Anyone wishing to donate money to the Society should call either of the two numbers listed previously. Persons or groups donating \$500 or more are eligible to have their name on a plaque that will hang in the museum.

The museum will be local in nature, and deal with Romulus' history and artifacts found in Romulus. The Society is

still in need of helpers to work in this schoolhouse/museum project. Presently, the inside walls are being torn down and repairs on the exterior of the building are being made. Hopefully a coat of paint on the outside will be on by September.

The Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month (except in December) at 7 p.m. in the Romulus Public Library, located at 11121 South Wayne Road. The public is welcome. The meetings vary and may include guest speakers, special programs, and visits to local museums. Come join us if your interest is in Romulus and its past.



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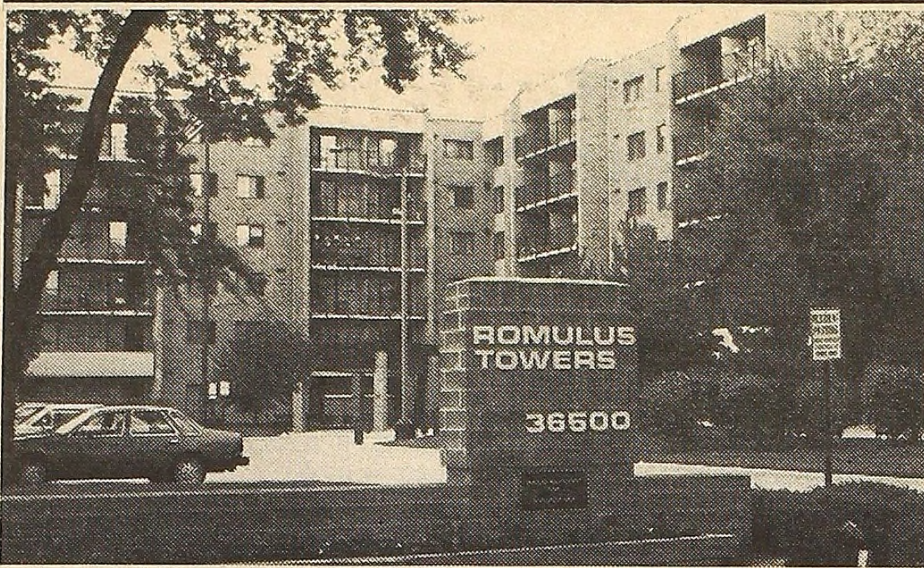
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A birthday party for Senior Citizens Anneliese Lee, Harry Scott, Helen Dobbins, Cora Turcotte, Cynthia Toth, Kitty DeBilzan, Rummie Mayle, Narcissa Laine, Marge Drouillard, Ethel Teague, Mary Clark, Pearl Ashby and Christine Johnson was held Thursday evening, July 9th, in the Multi-purpose room of Romulus Towers.

The beautiful decor of the multi-purpose room was a very fitting setting for the smiling, happy and beautifully groomed celebrants and their guests.

Thanks to the generosity of the Firemen of Romulus, a wonderful meal was served that evening.

Everyone is looking forward to the judging of the flowers on patios and balconies at the Towers. Blossoms of all colors and sizes are growing profusely in pots, boxes and hanging baskets.

The Towers has a monthly newsletter, The Messenger, splendidly put together by Margaret Wilson.

There are many activities for the summer months, one being the celebration of Michigan's 150th birthday, with entertainment by the "Senior Swingers".

The van at the Recreation Center will take Senior Citizens to the doctor or wherever they go in the Romulus area. If in need of a ride, then contact them a day ahead of time by calling 942-6852 to arrange for your transportation to the doctor.

The attorney sponsored by the Legal Aid for citizens 60 years old and older will be at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday July 23 to assist Seniors with their legal problems.

The Tele-Care Program is in progress at this time. This program at the Senior Center offers daily contact for people living alone or temporarily alone to live independently. The girls, Jewel and Lurline, make daily calls to those seniors who desire it to confirm their well being. If you are interested in this program or know someone who could benefit from it, please call Jewel or Lurline at 942-6852 Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 1:00.

Now in progress ... Bowling Round-up ... It's time to start thinking about the Senior Citizens bowling league. If you plan to bowl this year contact the Senior Center at 942-6852. The league officially starts on Monday, September 14th at the Romulus Bowl-

ing Center. Newcomers are always welcome.

A tour of Put-In-Bay is scheduled for August 20, for Senior Citizens. The fee of \$44.00 includes: Round trip transportation - via deluxe highway motor coach; round trip ferry boat transportation to Put-In-Bay Island; narrated tour - all day tour tram visiting various points of interest on Put-In-Bay Island; Perry National Monument - visit this beautiful landmark; lunch - included on the Island; admission and tour of winery - at a local winery; completely escorted - by a Bianco Travel & Tours professional.

There are a thousand historic memories which mingle with the tales and traditions of Put-In-Bay. This beautiful island is the most famous of all Lake Erie Islands because of its historic significance. Lake Erie was carved by glaciers during the last Ice Age. South Bass Island was one of the twenty islands left in the lake basin. The Erie Indians used the islands as stepping stones across the lake long before the European explorers discovered North America. The Indians spent their summers hunting and fishing among the islands, but they were always careful of the many rattlesnakes that inhabited them. The early French explorer LaSalle Griffon did not stop at Put-In-Bay, but hurried past to leave the discovery for this unique island to some unknown future explorer. As the French and British explored the Great Lakes, ships began to use the island area for shelter during the storms and sudden squalls. Tradition tells us, Put-In-Bay probably got its name because of its natural protection from a sometimes violent Lake Erie. It made a good place to 'put-in'.

For reservations for this trip please call Marilyn Masters at 942-6852.

An Important Message from Medicare ... Your rights while a Medicare hospital patient:

You have the right to receive all of the hospital care that is necessary for the proper diagnosis and treatment of your illness or injury. Your discharge date should be determined solely by your medical needs, not by "DRGs" or by Medicare payments.

You have the right to be fully informed about decisions affecting your Medicare coverage or payment for your hospital stay.

You have a right to appeal any writ-

## News from the

# SENIOR CLASS

ten notices you receive from the hospital or Medicare stating that Medicare will no longer pay for your care.

Talk to your doctor. You and your doctor know more about your condition and health care needs than anyone else. If you have questions about your medical treatment, your need for continued hospital care, or your discharge date, consult your doctor. These decisions should be made between you and your doctor. If you have questions or concerns about hospital services, you should talk to the hospital's patient representative or discharge planner. Don't hesitate to ask questions - you and your family should ask about your care, your stay in the hospital, and your planned discharge.

### Peer Review Organizations

Peer Review Organizations (PROs) are groups of doctors who are paid by the Federal Government to review medical necessity, appropriateness and quality of hospital treatment furnished to Medicare patients. Peer Review Organizations will respond to your request for review and appeal of written notices stating that Medicare will no longer pay for your hospital stay.

If you think you are being asked to leave the hospital too soon:

Ask a hospital representative for a written notice of explanation immediately, if you have not already received one. The hospital's written notice is necessary if you decide to appeal to the PRO. The written notice must describe how you appeal.

If you decide to appeal, do so immediately - either call or write the PRO. If you lose the appeal, you may be billed for all costs of stay beginning with the 3rd day after you receive the written notice.

The appeals process can take up to three working days from the time your appeal request is received. Thus, if you appeal and lose, you may have to pay for at least one day of hospital cost. Remember: Without a written notice, you have no right to appeal.

The Peer Review Organization for this area is:

The Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO)

Telephone: (313) 459-0900

State Representative, Agnes Dobronski (D-Dbn.) applauded House passage of bill HB 4141 that would establish a state program to help senior citizens pay for prescription drugs.

The bill would create the Older Person's Prescription Drug Coverage Program administered by the state's Office of Services to the Aging (OSA). Michigan residents 62 years and older with income of \$9,000. or less (\$12,000 or less for couples) who do not qualify for Medicaid would be eligible for assistance in paying prescription bills.

Participants would be required to pay \$5 or 50 percent of the cost of each prescription, whichever was the less. The bill would establish an OSA panel to determine eligibility, process claims and ensure responsible dispensing and control of the drugs provided under the program.

Yard Sale: If you are wishing to transfer ownership of valuable items then your opportunity is coming up on July 23 and 24. These are the dates chosen for this year's yard sale. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day. To borrow a table all you need to do is sign up for 1 or 2 in the Senior Center Lobby. The public is invited to shop at this yard sale.



Three Birthday Girls



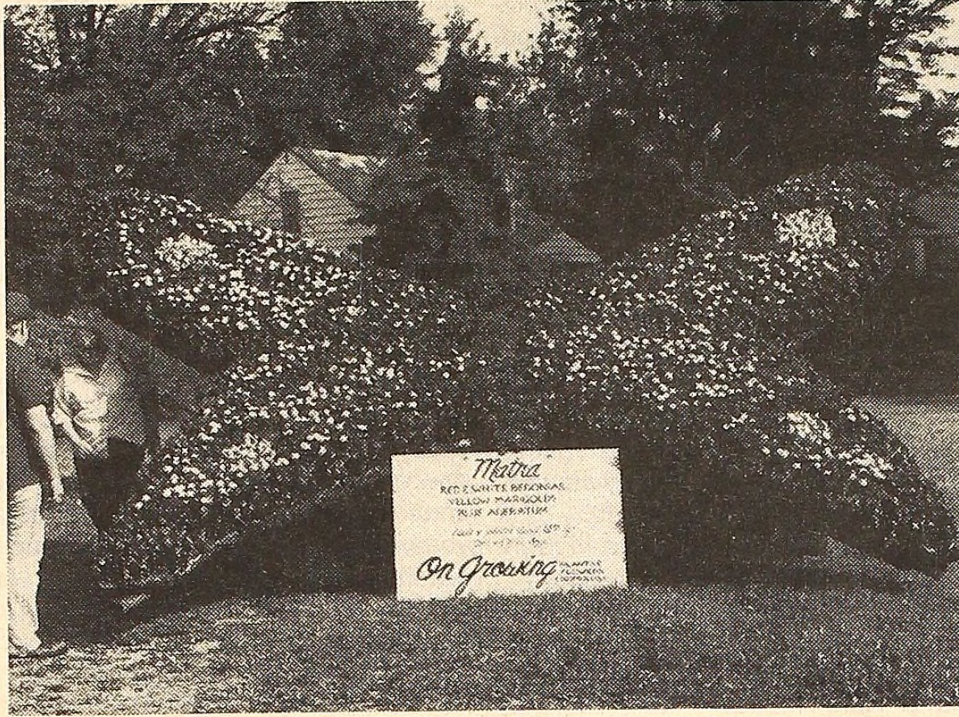
## We Just Found The Biggest Butterfly In Romulus

A twenty-foot-wide mobile butterfly, made of living begonias, marigolds, and ageratum, has been the focal point of excitement for weekend shoppers at On Growing, a Romulus garden center specializing in bedding plants, hanging baskets, and container gardens.

The butterfly, which is supported on a superstructure of angle iron, two-by-fours and chicken wire mounted on wheels, is the brainchild of John Ozga, president of On Growing, and his wife and business partner, Cherie.

"We decided to undertake this project to provide inspiration to anyone who dreams of growing healthy, beautiful plants," said Ozga. "We felt that the unusual nature of this planting would prove to people how easy it is to enhance your home with garden flowers."

The butterfly was planted on April 12, using some 960 individual plants. A regular schedule of watering and some careful pinching of early buds was all that was necessary to produce the cur-



20' Butterfly on Display on Ozga Road near Five Points

rent profusion of color.

"We hoped that the butterfly would provide our customers with a great deal of pleasure and would bring a taste of European culture to this area," noted Cherie. "In many places throughout the world, sculptures are made out of flowers. Why not in Romulus?"

The greenhouse was originally founded by John's father, Stanley, in the early 1940s. On Growing is a second-generation concept focusing on a new segment of homeowners who enjoy outdoor activity and a little bit of backyard gardening and home beautification. Both Ozgas are designated Master Gardeners by the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Service of Michigan State University.

On Growing is located at 11556 Ozga Road in Romulus, south of I-94 and just west of Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Look for On Growing to re-open next spring on May 1. (The telephone number is 941-0692.)

## Twenty Five Successful Years In Romulus

In October 1961, it could not be known that a print shop operating out of a basement would twenty five years later be respected as one of the best print shops in the state. But, that's how it was and that's how it is today.

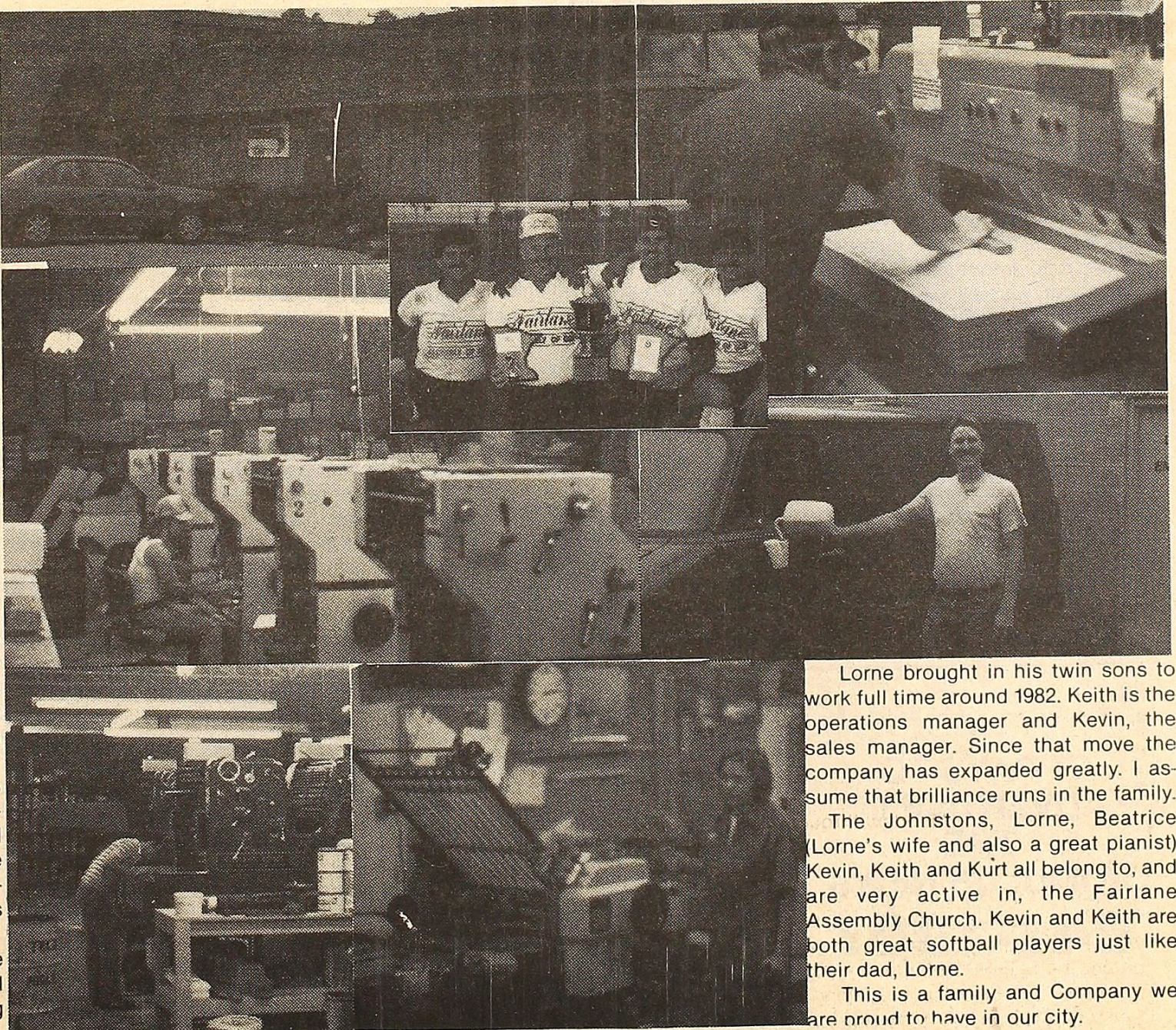
Lorne Johnston, his father, and two brothers, started a small print shop in their basement in Dearborn Heights some twenty five years ago. A small operation to say the least. The print shop stayed in the basement for only six months and then moved to a small building in Romulus on Hunt street.

There was to be a tragedy after this move. Richard and his family (wife and three children) died in an airplane which Richard was piloting. Evidently, Richard had a gall bladder attack and through trying to make a forced landing he crashed and the plane burned killing all on board.

Lorne, his father Orval Sr., and brother Orval R. continued with the business with ten employees. In 1970, Orval Sr. retired leaving the business in the hands of his two sons. The business expanded when a small addition was added to the older building. Then Orval R. decided to leave the business and left the total operation to Lorne.

Since that time Lorne Johnston has purchased another building that is attached to his existing business and now employs over forty five people. The operation is now a six day a week operation working two shifts. Jerry March is the General Foreman of the plant.

Some of their major accounts are Ford Motor, Burroughs, General Dynamics and various advertising agencies.



Lorne brought in his twin sons to work full time around 1982. Keith is the operations manager and Kevin, the sales manager. Since that move the company has expanded greatly. I assume that brilliance runs in the family.

The Johnstons, Lorne, Beatrice (Lorne's wife and also a great pianist) Kevin, Keith and Kurt all belong to, and are very active in, the Fairlane Assembly Church. Kevin and Keith are both great softball players just like their dad, Lorne.

This is a family and Company we are proud to have in our city.



## CRIME BEAT

On July 9, 1987, at approximately 5:15 a.m., the Romulus Police Department was summoned to the 8600 block of Whitehorn with a breaking and entering in progress. The officers arrived at the scene at approximately 5:18 a.m.

Items that were stolen and in the possession of the suspects were a table model T.V., a stereo with two speakers, tapes and misc. items.

Arrested were Richard B. Reels, age 21, and Alvin Reels age 17. The two men are brothers and are Romulus residents.

The two men were arrested for breaking and entering an occupied dwelling, and were arraigned in 34th District Court where bond was set at \$3,000 each.

A preliminary hearing is being held July 15 in the 34th District Court.

On July 9, 1987, at approximately 10 p.m., the Speedway Gas station at the corner of Wayne Road and Wick was held up by two black males (18 to 20 years of age). The attendant on duty said one of the men pulled a knife and said "Gimme the money!" Both men fled on foot. Tracking dogs were brought in but lost the scent of the suspects just south and west of the station.

## How Do You Like It So Far?

When have you read this much news about your city? Has it been a long time? Has the other paper disregarded your desire for information you need to know about your City Council meetings, School Board meetings, business news, sports, Scouts, etc?

Well, we haven't done it all in this issue either, however, our only goal is to keep you informed on everything going on in our city. Help Us! Use our 24 Hour Hotline to keep us abreast of what is going on in your neighborhood. We are interested in anything that is going on in the City of Romulus.

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## ANTIQUES BY ELSIE

by Elsie

The first lesson in collecting antiques is knowing whether all those precious mementos left to you by 'grandma' have marketable value or not.

Usually all have sentimental value; very few have antique value; some have collectable value; many will have utilitarian value; and all that's left keeps the trash collector in business.

Collectors of antiques must also learn that relatives, neighbors, best friends, or John & Mary Doe having 200 of them in their house or barn, etc., doesn't necessarily guarantee they have 'antique' or 'collectable' knowledge. Almost 90% of these so-called 'experts' don't know what they are talking about. It's that other 10% one should seek advice from, and then intelligently eliminate half of those.

One of the most common fallacies collectors are duped into believing is that if the item is old it has to be good and/or worth money — *definitely not true.*

Another mistake is believing that, since these items belonged to 'grandma,' and she died when she was 92 years old, all her belongings are old —

*again, not true.* One should always remember 'grandma's' lovely trinket box or her favorite rocker may have been purchased recently and given to her on her 90th birthday. *Reproductions have been around for ages.*

New collectors of antiques are usually surprised to learn that there are reproductions of reproductions and then copies of reproductions, not to mention the out-and-out fakes being sold as genuine antiques.

Since antique collecting is a worldwide hobby and an excellent investment, take my advice before you part with your hard-earned money for someone else's antiques or bargains, and know what you have before selling what you have acquired or inherited throughout the years. Get advice from a reputable dealer in antiques before selling or buying.

*This column will be carried in each issue and your questions are welcomed. (The next article will tell you how to find and determine reputable dealers and/or appraisers of antiques. All questions will be answered if space permits.)*

## DEAR MARY FOR TEENS ONLY

Dear Teenager,  
Do you have things on your mind? No one to talk to? Do you need an ear to listen and a shoulder to cry on? Sometimes our problems seem to become less critical if we can just talk to someone and share our feelings with them, knowing they will not be repeated if they are of a confidential nature.

This column is for you. If you will write to me I will try to help solve your problems. You may let me know if you want your letter printed in this column and perhaps receive advice from readers, or you may say that it is confidential and I will not have it printed. Space will determine how many letters we can print and time will determine how many I can answer by mail.

You do not have to sign your real name, use an initial if you want or just a descriptive word.

Teens, this is your chance. Let me hear from you. All letters need not be about a problem. If you have had a very joyous experience and would like to share it with our readers, then write to me. Your happiness may very well brighten the day for one less fortunate.

Write to: Dear Mary  
The Romulus News  
36615 Goddard  
Romulus, MI 48174

Dear Mary,

I am seventeen years old and just finished my Junior year of High School. I want to go into the Military Service now but my parents think I should finish my Senior year first. I feel very strong about this and would like to have some other opinions as to what I should do. I do not often disobey my parents but this is a very important thing to me. What do you think?

I do hope you will answer my letter.

M. L.

Dear M. L.

It is an honor to serve one's country and the Military has much to offer. You are to be commended for this desire to serve; however, I agree with your parents. My reasons are my own personal opinion. You did not say what profession you want to follow which leaves me to think that perhaps you are not quite sure at this point of your life. If you continue and graduate before going into the Military you will be better prepared to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered. There are many and they are varied. If, on the otherhand, you leave school now you may find it very difficult to go back to high school when you return. In the 2, 3 or 4 years you would spend as a serviceman you will grow in many areas. You will be much more mature and that can pose a problem when trying to fit into a class of seventeen year olds in high school. If you go to college after your stint in the service it would not be a problem as people of all ages are attending classes.

## Wilson's Tire Has New Owner

Jim Hughes' tire service has been sold. The store located at Wayne Road and Goddard is now owned by Jeff Wilson.

Jeff, his wife Vickie and 11 year old daughter Tiffiney along with Bobby who is 7 years old, have lived in Romulus for 9 years.

Jeff is 35 years old and was an independent trucker for 7 years.

He also was a musician, playing rock in the early 1970's and country in the later 70's. Jeff plays a guitorgan, a guitar that sounds like an organ.

Jim Potter is Jeff's store manager and says, "Tell everyone to stop by, we have deals for everyone". They sell used tires and a complete line of Hercules and Cooper tires.

## Improvements At Schools Have Begun For New School Year

There have been some improvements in our school system during the course of the summer. Some improvements that have been greatly needed.

According to Bill Bower, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations of Romulus Community Schools, the correction of the asbestos problem in our schools has been almost completed.

The asphalt paving has been finished at Cory and Merriman schools and new roofs are now being installed at Cory. The roof at the maintenance building has been completed, a long needed accomplishment.

I understand there is also work being done to cut the cost of electricity and heat in the school system. If all the paper work can be finished and filed in the appropriated time, then it is possible that the school system can purchase gas and electricity directly from the head source and save approximately ten to twenty thousand dollars per year in heat costs alone.

Remember? There are school board meetings periodically. Have you attended any of them lately? The school board doesn't know what you want if you don't let them know, and the best way to do that, is attend those darned old meetings and speak your piece.

There are many more things happening in the school system involving the welfare of your children. As we learn of them we will be the *first* to let you know.

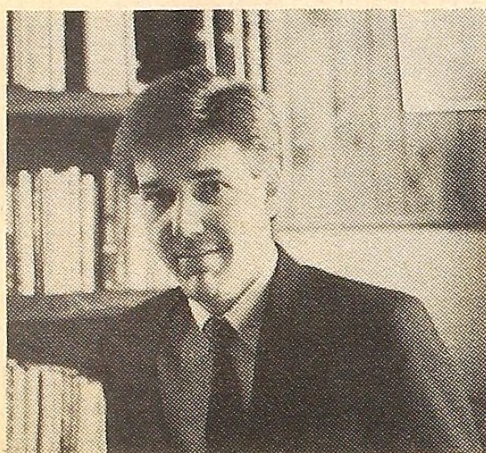


## Two New Ministers Arrive In Romulus

Last month, the Romulus Wesleyan Church announced its plans for a pastoral change to take place this August.

Former pastor of six years, Rev. Steven DeNeff, and his family have accepted a new charge in North Lakeport, Michigan, while the Rev. Randy Swink of Allentown, Pennsylvania, will assume the duties of the Romulus church.

The Wesleyan Church of Romulus extends a warm welcome to the Swink family as Rev. Swink begins his ministry and seeks to continue to influence the community it serves.



Rev. Steve DeNeff

Reverend J. D. Landis is a new arrival to both The Community United Methodist Church and to Romulus. Reverend Landis came to us from Ohio where he pastored a church while he took some courses at United Theological Seminary, obtaining his second Masters Degree.

Reverend Landis is not new to Michigan, having spent time in Detroit at Metropolitan United Methodist Church as a youth minister. Prior to that he was in Peck, Michigan for six years. Reverend Landis is married, his wife's name is Carolyn Sue and they have a fifteen month old son, John David II. Carolyn Sue was a teacher of the mentally impaired for seven years in Port Huron. She is originally from Brown City, Michigan and Reverend Landis grew up in Smoketown, Pa.

We wish Reverend Landis a warm welcome to Romulus and hope that he has a long stay.

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Romulus, Michigan 48174  
Rev. Howell Kelly, Pastor

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service	7:00 p.m.
Youth Service	Friday 7:00 p.m.

#### — BETHANY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH —

34584 Beverly Road Romulus, Michigan 48174  
(313) 729-4240  
Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service	7:30 p.m.

#### — CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH —

11338 Ozga Road Romulus, Michigan 48174  
(313) 941-0236  
Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor  
Rev. Lonnie England, Pastor  
Bob Casement, Associate Pastor

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

#### — CHURCH OF CHRIST —

9426 S. Wayne Road Romulus, Michigan 48174  
Office: (313) 941-1105  
Daily Bible Message (313) 941-1004  
Evangelist Joe Hickman  
(313) 941-6659

Bible Study	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship		11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship		6:00 p.m.
Bible Study	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.

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Parsonage: (313) 729-7243  
Church: (313) 729-4884  
Rev. Douglas M. Bishop, Pastor

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 p.m.
Family Training Service	Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

#### — MARTIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST —

6566 S. Wayne Road Romulus, Michigan 48174  
Rev. E. Martin, Pastor

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	12:00 p.m.
Prayer and Bible Study	Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
Friday Worship Service	5:30

#### — THE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH —

11160 Olive Street / Romulus, Michigan 48174  
Parsonage: (313) 941-3474  
J.D. Landis, Pastor  
(313) 941-0736

Sunday Morning Worship	Summer	10:00 a.m.
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#### — ROMULUS WESLEYAN CHURCH —

37300 Goddard Road (5 Points) Romulus, Michigan 48174  
(313) 941-1511  
Rev. Randy Swink, Pastor

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.



# Father Finds Sons After 27 Years

You read about it in magazines, watch it on TV and see tear-jerking movies about it; until you experience it first-hand, you don't have the slightest idea how rewarding it can be to see a family reunited after 27 long years. I experienced it today!

I watched a 50-year-old man cry! I watched two young men fight back tears as they spoke to and about a father who did not exist for them for 17 years. I heard of the plight of a step-mother who started the search when the boys were very young. I heard of the success that a 19-year-old stepsister had in finding two brothers she had never seen. I heard about a father who wound up in a mental institution for three months because of the death of his mother and brother; a father 50 years old who today wears a pacemaker because of a heart attack; a father forced by the courts not to see his sons until they had reached a legal age.

And now, here's the story:

Richard Allen Grobbel and his first wife Judy, both in their early twenties, did as most young couples do — thinking that they loved each other very much, they married and had two children, both boys. But, again as many young couples do, decided, after three or four years of marriage, that maybe this was not what they wanted, or who they wanted to spend their lives with.

So a separation came about and they went their different ways, and Richard met his present wife of 25 years, Beverly. Richard and Beverly moved to California for two years, then decided to come back to Romulus.

Their first child, Connie, was adopted, and is currently in Germany; they later had three children of their own. As



Richard and Beverly

the children by the second marriage got old enough to understand, they were told about Richard's other children, Joe and David. Richard did not try to make contact with the boys, but his wife, knowing how badly he wanted to see them, made a gallant, though futile, attempt to find them.

When asked if they had tried to find their father, both boys said that they had not because they didn't know they were adopted until Joe was 17 and David was 16. As far as they knew, their

adoptive father was their real dad.

It happened that Joe's girlfriend of the time told him that the man he called Dad was not his real father. But for eleven more long years, father and sons had no contact at all.

During the time that lapsed between Richard Grobbel seeing his young sons for the last time and now, he has had a heart attack and is presently wearing his third pacemaker. He has been a sick man, spending three months in a psychiatric ward from the death of his mother and brother.

Finally, Michelle Grobbel, his daughter, searched telephone books for over a year and a half before she finally found one of the brothers.

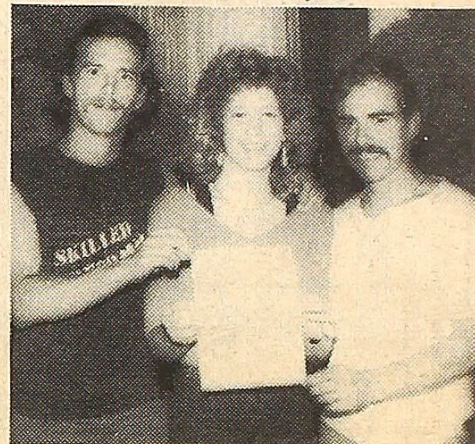
She wrote them a letter, after much hesitation on her part because of her father's illness, because she finally decided she had to get them together, whatever the consequences might be.

The boys received the letter and called Michelle to make arrangements to see their dad. That night, July 9, 1987, was to be a night of tears, stress, and happiness all mixed together. Michelle told her father, in the privacy of his bedroom, "Please don't hate me, please don't hate me, but I have found your sons." Needless to say, Richard was taken aback by her remark, and after she told him a meeting had been set for

Friday evening, he slept very little that night. He said, "I have been sick and am not supposed to have any sudden surprises or trauma, but I feel great... I feel good!" with tears rolling down his face.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. Friday, July 10, 1987, at the home of his nephew James in the Meadows subdivision, Richard Grobbel met, by a backyard poolside, the sons he had not seen for 27 years. It was a tearful meeting for all concerned; a happy reunion after 27 years. Evidently the boys' stepfather, Mr. Dempsey, did a very good job of raising his two adopted sons, and he and their mother Judy can be very proud.

And now the real story begins — the story of the next 27 years.



David, Michelle, and Joe

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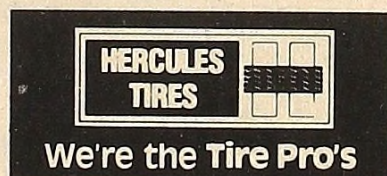
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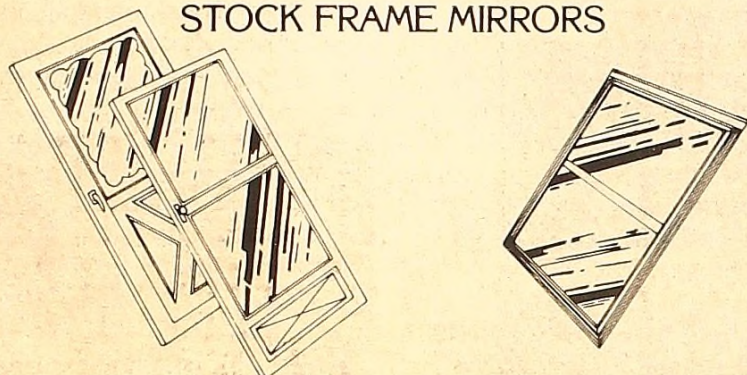
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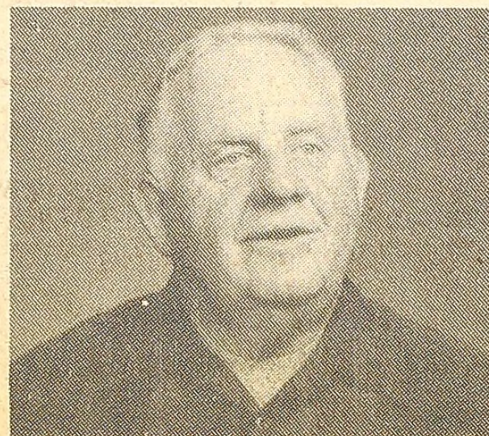
**SECURITY SYSTEMS**

## Veteran Fireman of Romulus Dies

(release from Fire Department)

We received an alarm at 1:31 a.m. on July 5, 1987. A structure fire at 30558 Redwood. Station No.4 responded with Station No.1 and 2. Upon arrival a condition yellow was give. (A roof fire with smoke). There were 15 men who had responded to the fire. One of these firefighters was Leonard Gierak a 24 year veteran with the Romulus Fire Department. Leonard had become ill at the scene. He was last seen sitting in the rescue van. He left the scene to return home without notifying anyone.

The dispatcher upon receiving a call from Leonard's wife sent a rescue unit to 29245 Northline Road. Upon arrival they discovered Leonard in his driveway a possible D.O.A. He was transported to Heritage Hospital via



the Taylor Ambulance with one of our men in attendance.

After the fire was extinguished and our equipment was back in service I went to the hospital to check on Leonard. At that time I was informed that he was D.O.A. (Dead on Arrival) at the hospital.

I talked with the Doctor on duty and he said it was a possible heart attack. I then talked with his family and they told me that Leonard had been to the doctor on Wednesday, July 1, 1987. He had no reported heart condition at that time.

I returned to Station No.4 and talked with the men. I then notified the Mayor at her home at 4:15 a.m.

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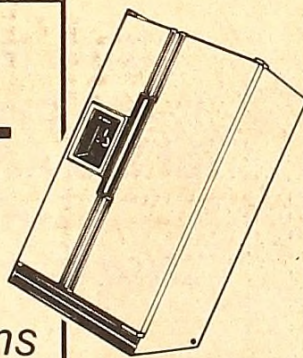
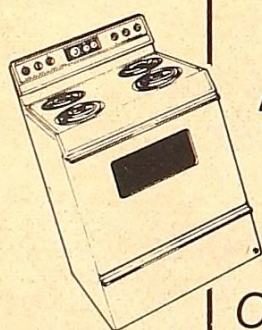
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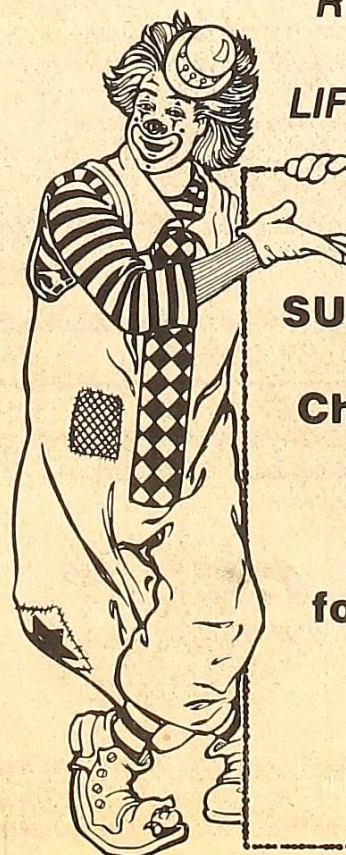
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## Bob Plank - Dedicated Man

loyal and abiding commitment to his family and community; and

Whereas, A lifelong resident of Michigan and a citizen of the City of Romulus since 1937, Bob Plank exerted an impressive impact on this community. He was the Director of the Romulus Department of Public Works, and he had been an excellent carpenter and contractor through his company, Plank Modernization. Throughout his life, he assisted people in making their community a better place in which to live. He epitomized the civic-mindedness and caring attitude that we desire in our citizens. Although he was not interested in the limelight, Mr. Plank's concern for his fellow citizens was well known, and in a fitting tribute, the Department of Public Works Building will be renamed the Robert D. Plank Building; and

Whereas, Mr. Plank's greatest interest was politics, especially in fighting for the rights of others. He had been president of the Democratic Club, and he had served as a member of the Romulus Zoning Board and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Never one to join a cause in name only, Robert Plank was a gentleman who people turned to when something needed to be accomplished, for he was the caliber of man who would not fail in his attempts to improve his community. He was a natural leader



Bob Plank's Father and Mayor McAnally



who dedicated his talents, vision, and wisdom for the benefits of others; and

Whereas, Bob Plank was also a friendly and well-loved gentleman who treated everyone fairly in his public and private life. Clearly, the family and many friends of Robert D. Plank must feel a void in their lives that can never be filled. They can take comfort in the knowledge that his dedicated efforts will continue to enhance the community, for he left a lasting and loving legacy of accomplishments. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Donna, his eleven children, his grandchild, and his entire family; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we wish to extend our sincerest sympathies to the family of Robert D. Plank, whose passing was a great loss to the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to his family as a reflection of our esteem.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted by a unanimous standing vote of the Senate.

Senators Faxon and Welborn were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

\*Passed by the House of Representatives June 4, 1987.

## 80 and Out/Taxes

Mr. and Mrs. Reddick are going to lose their home if something is not done right away. She refuses to ask for help except through a bank. She needs the help desperately. If you were in her position would you want some one to help you? She has helped others all her life, asking nothing in return. Can the people in Romulus help her? City Council has done all they can do.

By the time this paper reaches you, Mrs. Reddick will owe approximately \$6300. in back taxes.

We are asking you, the readers, the homeowners, the business people, you with parents or grandchildren, who could just as easily be in this same

position, to donate money to this worthy cause. Please send any amount of money you can. It doesn't make much difference how much it is, it all adds up!

Please send a check today to:

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Make your checks payable to:  
City of Romulus

Account of Mrs. Reddick

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Thank you from The Romulus News

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## Editorial

As a reporter you write the cold hard facts, then drop it; as a writer you dig into the article and try to find some human interest and expound on it, so it becomes a story.

We want to bring many things to you that you have not had in the past such as: a Doctor's Report, Chiropractic View, Senior Citizens News, dilemmas of some of our citizens, a consumer helper column, the Historical Society News, Dear Mary (for teenagers

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The Greater Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing will be held Saturday, September 12, 1987 at the Shady Hollow Golf Course (18 holes) in Romulus. There will be refreshments, a steak dinner, and prizes. Tickets and Tee Times are on a first come basis. Donation: \$35.00. **No Refunds.** Call 941-5710.



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